

## PASQUOTANK BOY WEDS IN SAMOA

The following, which appeared in Tuesday's News and Observer, will be of interest here. Mr. Cartwright is from Pasquotank, instead of Hertford as stated in the News and Observer report, and has contributed a number of articles to this paper:

Washington, Aug. 7.—Mr. Luther W. Cartwright, of Hertford, secretary to Governor J. M. Poyner, of Samoa, sprang a surprise on his friends at Tutuila on Friday, July 7th by secretly marrying Miss Hammond, the daughter of the chief war rant officer stationed in Samoa. News of the marriage has just reached Washington from Governor Poyner and Judge Alex Stronach.

Mr. Cartwright wanted to keep the marriage secret and get off at Apla, 80 miles from Tutuila, on a vessel sailing on the afternoon of his marriage. Circumstances appeared to favor him for nearly all women and children of the station were off on a picnic and most of the officers were busy with their various duties. Governor and Mrs. Poyner were the only ones invited to the marriage and they pledged secrecy. Unfortunately, however, in clearing the vessel for sea the passenger list had to be looked over and the names of Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright attracted the attention of Lieutenant McCone, the chief customs officer. The news spread like wildfire. The telephones were used, messengers sent and in no time every one except Mrs. Poyner and the Governor were hurrying to the vessel's wharf. Then too, as if to swell the fervency of congratulations the picnic party came back just in time to join the crowd. Every body got busy and secured the band to come down to the shore and give a serenade. The embarrassed Cartwright, who thought he had stolen a march on everybody, was greeted, with his bride, on the wharf by a crowd of practically all the officers of the station, their wives and children, while the band played the wedding march. Their baggage had gone down ahead of them and the crowd got hold of that in some way and deluged everything with rice.

Mrs. Cartwright is a very fine girl and both the bride and groom are very popular on the station. Governor Poyner kindly gave the couple a week's leave, which they spent in Apla.

## Wheat Jumps At Report

(By United Press)

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Wheat jumped from five to seven cents today as the result of the government crop report predicting a thirty per cent decrease in production.



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(By United Press)

New York, Aug. 9.—The shoreline and pier lengths within greater New York harbor, including Jersey shore, are longer by 71 miles than the distance to Chicago via Pennsylvania railroad, says the Chamber of Commerce report available today.

Official figures give Greater New York a direct waterfront of 578.4 miles. On the New Jersey mainland waterfront, extending from Sandy Hook to the Hudson River shore opposite New York City's northern limit, affords 192.93 miles more, making a total direct frontage of 771.33. This is more than the lineal distance from New York to Charleston, S. C., or of New York to Cincinnati.

Measured around the piers and along the heads of the slips, the length of the developed waterfront brings out some astonishing facts of capacity for handling maritime and inland trade at this Port. The five boroughs have a total frontage of 290.2 miles. This with the New Jersey improvement of 135.45 miles makes 395.65 miles, or a lineal foot length of 2,678,456 feet. This latter total, with the total length of waterfront on the same shore, of 4,072,600 lineal feet, shows that barely half of the length available for trade is as yet within the development frontage of Greater New York. Measuring waterfront both around piers and along shoreline Greater New York has a total length of 730.3 miles, or 3,903,504 lineal feet. Adding the Jersey stretch of rivershores opposite the City's length on the Hudson gives 240 miles more, making a grand total by this mode of measurement of 970.3 miles, or 5,169,504 lineal feet. That is 71.5 miles longer than the entire distance from New York to Chicago by way of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

M. N. Toxey of Shiloh was in the city today. Mr. Toxey has just recovered from an operation at a Norfolk Hospital.

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Dr. H. T. Aydlott has returned from a trip to Niagara Falls, New York. From there he crossed Lake Ontario to Canada and visited the city of Toronto which has a population of 620,000.

BRITISH EXPECTED  
TEMPORARY REVERSES

By John Buchan  
England's Foremost Writer on Military Affairs  
(Written for the United Press)

London, Aug. 8.—When the bombardment ceased on the morning of July 1st, and the Allied troops left their trenches in the Big Push on a twenty five mile front, they did not expect an even and steady advance.

A rigid line of German fortifications stretches from Nieuport to the Alps. There are no gaps. The defense had its first position, consisting of several trench lines; an intermediate position, and a second and final position some way back, of the same type as the first. The labours of eighteen months have made each position a miracle of human ingenuity—a labyrinth of trenches and a subterranean city of dug-outs.

No such front can be broken at the first attempt. The path of wisdom is to attack on a broad front and take the things by steady stages—to capture one position at a time, and to attack with infantry only when the guns have done their work.

In the area of attack, of which Albert the point of division, the Germans on the north were prepared and the high plateau over which

their lines ran was a formidable obstacle to any advance. In the southern part the ground was easier, the enemy weaker and a real surprise was achieved.

The British objective in the north the enemy's first position, except in one or two points, was not attained. Villages were blotted out and miles of country reduced to the appearance of a ploughed field by the Allied bombardment, but the German guns, well hidden behind the ridges were intact and before the hour came for the British to cross

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their parapets they opened a counter bombardment on the British first line. That line was largely destroyed, but the British infantry, under a devastating artillery fire, advanced steadily over as No Man's Land between the lines.

When the German gas attacks were over, their occupants had retreated to the deepest depths, sometimes fifty feet below the ground. They now appeared and manned their front lines, firing with machine guns and automatic rifles. Both sides showed the most conspicuous gallant firing line. Whole battalions disappeared.

The attack as a whole was broken up before it reached the German parapets as fighting units. By the evening of the first day the enemy's position in the northern sections was unshaken.

It was different in the south. There the Allies had the benefit of a real surprise. The German reply to their bombardment was feeble. In some places the initial bombardment seemed to have destroyed resistance, and the attack advanced with scarcely a casualty across trenches filled with German dead. In a few hours the immediate objective was completely attained. All the German first position was carried on a front of more than twelve miles. One French regiment had only two wounded, and the casualties of one whole corps were under 800. The German losses were very high. Cross

the captured ground on the following day one walked among piles of German dead.

The first stage of the battle was beyond doubt a great Allied success. The objective was completely attained on an ample front and the way prepared for the stroke against the final German position. Without the sacrifice in the north the success of the British right wing and the French would have been impossible.

We are only looking at the beginning of the greatest battle in history. It will be a slow and costly fight, for Germany knows it is her last stand. The Allies will pursue their plan soberly and methodically with ventures. The German manpower is shrinking low. They have with no attempt at blind rushes or been compelled to send divisions from Verdun to help Hindenburg against Russia, and in providing reserves for the present battle they were driven to scrape up battalions from every part of their western front. Reserves obtained in this way, men already wearied with much fighting, must inevitably be a frail reed to lean upon. One battalion hurried up from the South was captured intact by the British an hour or two after it had detrained.

A French officer who was asked about the capture of guns, replied: "We do not want guns, Krupp can manufacture them faster than we can take them. But Krupp cannot manufacture men."

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